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Celebration of May 16, 1921, in Honor of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Prof. S. J. Hunter's Connection with the Department.

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BESIDES the publication of this number of the UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCIENCE BULLETIN, the younger members of the department of entomology arranged an entomological conference in honor of the completion of Professor Hunter's twenty-fifth year with the department.

To this conference, held May 16, 1921, were invited the entomological workers of the state, a goodly number of nurserymen and horticulturists who were associated with Professor Hunter in his capacity as state entomologist for the southern half of the state, and the students and friends of the department.

Most of the guests were entertained by the members of the Entomology Club of the University at a luncheon in the club room. Immediately after lunch all present adjourned to the department rooms in Snow Hall. Here a large display, illustrating all the phases of the work of the department, had been arranged. This display included demonstration cases showing all the orders of insects, charts, models, and exhibits illustrating the relation of various insects to disease, their importance to agriculture, and the different stages seen in the life history of both terrestrial and aquatic forms. Not only the out-of-town guests, but students of the department and other students and faculty members of the University, found much of interest and information in the study of the display.

The next session of the conference was held in the lecture room of Blake Hall, where several entomological papers were read and discussed. The writer, presiding at this meeting, first introduced former Senator Edwin Taylor, who spoke on "What the Horticul-

turist Expects of the Entomologist," showing the great dependence of the former upon the latter. Mr. O. F. Whitney, secretary of the State Entomological Commission, also emphasized the same idea, and both spoke in high terms of the help and coöperation received from Professor Hunter.

Five members of the department of entomology of the State Agricultural College were present at this conference, and four of them read excellent papers at this session. The first of these, by Mr. W. P. Hayes, dealt with the working out of a typical life history of insects, and emphasized how loose and incomplete was much of the work along this line. Mr. J. W. McColloch followed with a paper on the reciprocal relation of soil and insects. After listening to the paper one felt that our understanding of the interrelations in insect life and its response to environment is yet a practically untouched field and therefore very promising to the careful and persistent worker. Dr. Roger Smith then discussed the beginning course in entomology, giving practical suggestions as to the methods and subject matter of such a course. And, finally, Mr. E. G. Kelly spoke of the work of the extension entomologist, showing the dependence of the science upon such workers for its practical application, and the consequent growth and place of the science in the lives of the farmers and horticulturists, who are now glad to receive the assistance of the trained entomologist.

The conference was brought to a close by a banquet at the Congregational parish house. One of the outstanding features of this dinner were the beautiful and unique menu cards, painted by members of the Entomology Club. Each card bore lifelike entomological specimens, and the menu was decidedly insectean in nomenclature.

Dr. H. B. Hungerford, acting as toastmaster, introduced as the first speaker former Senator Brooke, who spoke in a reminiscent vein of his work with Professor Hunter in earlier days and of the value of entomological work to the state. Prof. George A. Dean, head of the department of entomology at the Kansas State Agricultural College, was the chief speaker of the evening. He gave a splendid review of the development of economic entomology and spoke hopefully of the future progress of the science into which so many who are well trained in biology are now going. Ex-Chancellor Strong spoke most highly of his years of work and friendship with Professor Hunter, and wished him many more years of usefulness at the University of Kansas. Dean F. J. Kelly complimented the department of entomology for its spirit of research, which is so neces-

sary for the growth and development of any science, and gave the credit, where it belonged, to Professor Hunter, who so long has been at the head of the department.

In replying to the toasts of the evening Professor Hunter briefly reviewed the work of the department and spoke in a most appreciative and happy way of the years of service with those who had spoken, and with others who along with him had served the state and humanity through the advancement of knowledge and science.

At the close of the evening the company of some 125 people were united in feeling that the day had been an inspiration to them, and were unanimous in hoping for many more years of service for the one whom they had honored.